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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6124**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 36

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 8, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Mental Health.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill makes the Commission on Mental Health permanent. The bill creates a 17-member Commission on Mental Health as a statutory commission to study the delivery of mental health services in Indiana. (The Commission was established by a provision that expired January 1, 2006.) (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Health.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill establishes a 17-member study commission consisting of 4 legislators and 13 lay members. The Commission is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study commissions in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for commissions with 16 members or more.

The Commission would be assigned to do the following:

- Study and evaluate the funding system for mental health services in Indiana;
- Review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by community providers and state-operated hospitals;
- Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for publicly supported mental health services;
- Monitor the implementation of managed care for the mentally ill that is paid for in part or in whole by the state; and
- Make recommendations regarding the Commission's findings to the appropriate division or department

of state government.

*History:* The Commission on Mental Health was previously authorized by P.L. 243 - 2003, which will expire on January 1, 2006. Following is a table summarizing the Commission's previous and prior expenditures.

<b>Commission on Mental Health Expenditure History</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Annual Expenditures</b>
<b>2001</b>	\$637.03
<b>2002</b>	\$2,247.52
<b>2003</b>	\$7,138.12
<b>2004</b>	\$4,134.63
<b>2005</b>	\$8,999.82

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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